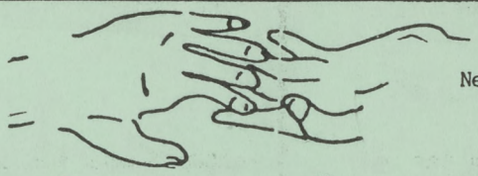

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News and Notes from the
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APRIL

TOP 20 TITHES
(Received by 10 May 1986)

1.	MCC Dallas.....Dallas, TX	$ 1,901.84
2.	MCC Long Beach.....Long Beach, CA	1,051.19
3.	MCC Washington D.C....Washington, DC	874.97
4.	MCC Gtr. St.Louis.....St. Louis, MO	848.44
5.	MCC in the Valley..No. Hollywood, CA	837.45
6.	MCC San Francisco..San Francisco, CA	774.44
7.	Ch.of Holy Spirit MCC.Ft.Ldrdale, FL	733.12
8.	All God's Children MCC.....Mpls., MN	696.03
9.	MCC Gtr. Kansas Cty..Kansas Cty., MO	683.55
10.	King of Peace MCC...St.Ptrsburg., FL	580.57
11.	Agape MCC.....Ft. Worth, TX	570.54
12.	St. Lukes MCC.....Jacksonville, FL	530.10
13.	MCC Detroit.....Birmingham, MI	518.76
14.	MCC Portland.....Portland, OR	482.08
15.	River City MCC.....Sacramento, CA	481.32
16.	MCC of the Pomona Valley..Pomona, CA	463.05
17.	MCC of Disciples.....Washington, DC	433.08
18.	New Life MCC of th Tdwtr.Norfolk, VA	408.94
19.	MCC of th Plm Beaches.Palm Beach, FL	394.35
20.	Casa De Cristo Evnglcl MCC.Phnix, AZ	385.29

APRIL

TOP 20 PER CAPITA
(Received by 10 May 1986)

1.	MCC of Redwoods.....Mill Valley, CA	$ 42.56
2.	Good Samaritan MCC.....Whittier, CA	30.00
3.	Oasis MCC .....Tempe, AZ	24.48
4.	MCC Galveston Island.....Galveston, TX	21.34
5.	Good Shepherd MCC.....Riverside, CA	21.34
6.	Open Arms MCC.....Rochester, NY	21.21
7.	Maranatha MCC.....Colorado Springs, CO	17.73
8.	MCC Midland/Odessa.....Odessa, TX	17.17
9.	MCC Ottawa ECM....Ottawa, Ont., CANADA	16.20
10.	MCC Washington.....Washington, DC	16.00
10.	Trinity MCC.....New York, NY	16.00
11.	Vision of Hope MCC.....Lancaster, PA	15.86
12.	MCC Washington D.C.....Washington, DC	15.58
13.	MCC No. Virginia.....Oakton, VA	15.27
14.	MCC Brooklyn.....Brooklyn, NY	15.25
15.	MCC San Francisco....San Francisco, CA	14.70
16.	MCC of the Spirit.....Harrisburg, PA	14.67
17.	MCC of the Harvest.....Bakersfield, CA	14.52
18.	MCC San Jose.....San Jose, CA	14.02
19.	New Life MCC of Oakland....Oakland, CA	13.95
20.	Christ MCC.....Miami, FL	13.87

PRAISES

***MCC ministry in London, Ontario, Canada is expanding through the formation of a house community by Harvey Anderson, Diana Bowman, Clarence Crossman and Colleen Darraugh. The house, which has an office, counseling/quiet room, large meeting room and much living space inside and out, is exactly what people had been creatively visualizing. The four are making the house available for the ministry of Holy Fellowship MCC as well as ecumenical and gay/lesbian outreach. Shared ministry and celebration have already begun in the middle of cleaning, moving and painting. Their new address is 544 Riverside Drive, London, Ontario, Canada, N6H 2S4 (519-473-3909).

***For all the newly licenced clergy!

***For the three recent graduates from Samaritan--Rev. Ro Halford, Rev. elect Pat Lefler, and Rev. elect Don Magill-Knitig!

***MCC Dayton Parish was awarded a grant for $4,000.00 from the Chicago Resource Center to do a Health/Wholeness Conference to be held in Fall '86. Congratulations!

***Rev. La Paula Turner was reelected as District Coordiantor fo the Great Lakes District.

PRAYER REQUESTS

**Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey's father is critically ill. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**For all the District Conferences.

**For all the Clergy Review Committee meetings.

**For the upcoming aids vigil weekend.

**For the Board of Elders meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Art Pearson is the new District Coordinator of the Western Canadian District. He can be reached at c/o MCC Vancouver, P. O. Box 5178, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4B2, Canada. Congratulations Art! And many thanks to Rev. Ernie La Casse for his great work as District Coordinator!

APPLICANTS WANTED

+++MCC in the Valley is accepting resumes for the fulltime position of Church Administrative Director. Resumes are due in the church office, 5730 Cahuenga Blvd, No. Hollywood, CA 91601, no later than 1 Oct. 1986 for the position beginning in January 1987. Salary is negotiable and subject to congregational approval in December 1986. For more information contact the church at (818) 762-1133.

CCCC OFFICE

As of 15 June 1986 the mailing address for the chair of the CCCC will be 3327-29 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004-6003. The office will be located at Samaritan College. Rev. Claudia Vierra will have office hours there beginning 1 July 1986 and a new phone number for that office will be available from the Fellowship office or from information (listed as Clergy Credentials and Concerns).

"WHAT EVERY PASTOR NEEDS TO KNOW... CLERGY MALPRACTICE" by H. Neuton Malory et.al.

The authors examine the issues (including biblical, psychological, legal and practical) surrounding clergy malpractice. Available through Westminister Press, 925 Chestnut Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19107, Cost $12.95 + $1.00 handling.

AIDS VIGIL OF PRAYER

The UFMCC General Council has called for an international Vigil of Prayer against aids for September 5, 6, and 7. Rev. David Farrell, Pastor of MCC San Diego, is coordinating the Vigil.

The Vigil is designed as a 50 hour Vigil of prayer which includes three worship services and corresponding secular based educational programming on aids and aids related issues. Scheduling of the Vigil activities will vary from church to church. All denominations and religious groups are being invited to participate in the Vigil in ways that they feel are appropriate to their situations.

Packets on the Vigil, including a video-tape, are being sent to each MCC congregation. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Rev. David Farrell at MCC San Diego (619) 280-4333: P. O. Box 33291, San Diego, CA 92103-0440.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE

NOTE: Samaritan College will be closed for the month of June '86. For further information or messages call the Fellowship Office.

MEETINGS

++CCCC Summer Meeting -- Because of the move of the CCCC office the summer meeting, July 15-22, will be in Los Angeles at the Holiday Inn.

++Board of Elders Meeting -- July 8-13, 1986 in the Los Angeles area.

++UFMCC International aids Vigil of Prayer -- 5-7 September 1986.

++Clergy Conference in September 1986.

THE LOS ANGELES WOMEN'S PRISON MINISTRY

The Los Angeles Women's Prison Ministry under the umbrella organization Creative Transformations, Inc. is sponsoring an all day, or weekend seminar training program for doing Prison Ministry. This Seminar can be taken for one Samaritan Credit, or can be utilized to develop a Prison Ministry in the local church. If you already have a Prison Ministry in your church you may want to use our program as a means of continuing training. This Training Seminar comes out of experience and research. It is one that you won't want to miss out on if your interest is in ministering to those "behind bars."

It is relevant to prison/jails and those otherwise incarcerated. It is relevant to "doing ministry" in innovative and challenging ways.

The Seminar has been written and Coordinated by Ms. Barbara Sagat. Barbara is on the Faculty at Samaritan College and has taught courses on "Women in The Bible," and "Sexuality Studies." Barbara has a BA in Psychology and Women Studies, and a BA in Theology.

Rev. Ro Halford assists Barbara in the Seminar as a Pastor of an MCC in the prison system. Ro also has a vested interest in the on-going development of the Prison Ministry throughout the Fellowship. Her experience at California Institute for Women and in the Los Angeles Women's Prison Ministry has given her new insights in ministering to those who are oppressed by "Institutionalization." Her experience in U.F.M.C.C. and 'perserverance' continue to be a blessing in this very difficult ministry.

If you would like to have this type of seminar in your local congregation, for on-going Staff Training, or simply to be informed, please contact Rev. Ro Halford at UFMCC Offices, 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304 Los Angeles, CA 90029, (213) 464-5100.